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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 3679**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Confirmation No.: 5084

Yukihiro WATANABE et al. Attorney Docket No: 100725-00040

Serial Number: 09/853,038 Group Art Unit: 3679

Filed: May 11, 2001 Examiner: Gregory John Bindia

For: TRIPOD CONSTANT VELOCITY UNIVERSAL JOINT

RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: March 4, 2003

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In reply to the Office Action dated November 4, 2002, the period to respond being extended one (1) month from February 4, 2003 to March 4, 2003 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Enclosed herein is a Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections, along with amended drawing Figures 1, 5A, and 5B.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the first full paragraph on page 21 of the Specification as follows:

The outer peripheral surface of the roller 30 is part of a spherical surface, i.e., a partial spherical surface, and has a center of curvature at a portion radially spaced away from the axis and its curvature r is slightly smaller than that of the roller guide surfaces

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